

Patoka Lake Visitor Center

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WELCOME TO PATOKA LAKE - Indiana's largest state operated property!

Patoka Lake Interpretive Services presents a variety of natural & cultural history programs and special events throughout the year. Take a close-up look at amazing animals! Join the naturalist for a hike! Experience craft demonstrations, music presentations, kids' activities, and much more! Ask one of the friendly staff for more information.

Open Tuesday - Sunday, 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, Closed Mondays

Visit our website: www.stateparks.in.gov

August 2010 Activities

Sunday, August 1st

- 10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Hawk Talk** ~ Come see our resident Red-tailed Hawk. Discover why this particular bird cannot fly and must stay with us at the Patoka Lake Visitor Center. See close-up the tools her species uses to hunt and survive in the wild! **vc**
- 1p.m. **Outdoor Art** ~ Be creative with nature that you can take home. All supplies will be provided. **vc**

Thursday, August 5th

- 10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 1p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ Cool off at the Visitor Center while watching a short video about animals and the outdoors.
- 2p.m. **Patoka Indoor Tour** ~ From the comfort of the program room, take a look at the diversity and variety of features of DNR Patoka Reservoir from drinking water to wildlife habitat. From the 1970's construction to 2010, Patoka continues to change. Enjoy Patoka with us! **vc**

Friday, August 6th

- 10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Hawk Talk** ~ Come see our resident Red-tailed Hawk. Discover why this particular bird cannot fly and must stay with us at the Patoka Lake Visitor Center. See close up the tools her species uses to hunt and survive in the wild! **vc**
- 2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ Fur, feathers, fins, or fangs? Come and see what today's guest creature has as physical features and ways to survive. **vc**

Saturday, August 7th

- 9a.m. **Moery Story** ~ Join in a short walk to the Jacob Moery cabin near the Visitor Center. Hear some stories of Patoka's past. Where did the children go to school in 1900? Who were some of the area school teachers way back when? How did these families get along without any nearby stores? Hear some of the history. **vc**
- 10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- Special Event ~ HAPPY BIRTHDAY SMOKEY BEAR!**
- 10 – 12p.m. Bring cameras, kids of all ages and enjoy activities, including a visit with Smokey. "Only you can prevent WILDFIRES!". **vc**
- 2p.m. **Nature Scavenger Hunt** ~ Join in the hunt around the Visitor Center and out in nature. Use the clues to find your next destination and return home with some great prizes. **vc**

Sunday, August 8th

- 10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**
- 11a.m. **Recylced Crafts** ~ Have fun recycling things that are no longer needed into cool reusable items that you can create and take home! Supplies will be provided. Bring your creativity! **vc**
- 1p.m. **Raptors of Patoka**~ with an indoor and outdoor presentation, we'll explore the amazing world of raptors or birds of prey. A special guest will be featured. Come and join us. **vc**

SMOKEY BEAR'S BIRTHDAY PARTY

Saturday, August 7th
10a.m. - 12p.m.
Patoka Lake Visitor Center

Fire
Safety

Crafts



Games

Birthday
Cookies

"Only you can PREVENT wildfires!"

Children of all ages!
Bring your family and friends!
Meet the Birthday Bear.
Special demonstrations by local volunteer
firefighters!
Bring your camera and have your
picture taken with Smokey!

Wednesday, August 11th, Indiana State Fair

Patoka Naturalists along with a Red-tailed Hawk will be featured at 4:30p.m. at the DNR amphitheater at the Indiana State Fair in Indianapolis. Be sure to visit the Indiana Department of Natural Resources area for the kids fishing pond, special programs, presentations, displays and features sure to delight everyone. Shop the DNR Mercantile for unique gift items. Hope to see you at the Indiana State Fair!

Thursday, August 12th

2p.m. **Creature Feature** ~ See Friday August 6th. **vc**

Friday, August 13th

2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ See Thursday, August 5th.. **vc**

Saturday, August 14th

9:30a.m. **Kayaking Adventure** ~ Meet the naturalist at Wall’s Lake Boat Ramp off Highway 145 for this journey on water. Look for Bald Eagle, beaver, and other wildlife on this morning tour. Bring kayaks (canoes), life jackets, sunscreen, snacks and preferred refreshments. If you prefer, meet the naturalist at the Visitor Center by 8:30a.m. to car caravan to Wall’s Lake Ramp. **vc**

Sunday, August 15th

10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**

11:30a.m. **Hawk Talk** ~ What are the special features of this hawk and why is she here at the Visitor Center? Discover these answers and more as we take a close-up look at Patoka’s resident Red-tailed Hawk. **vc**

1p.m. **Turtle Trivia** ~ How much do you know about the Eastern Box Turtle? Do you have what it takes to answer all the questions correctly? Come to the Visitor Center and test your terrapin knowledge. Prizes will be awarded!

Thursday, August 19th

10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**

2pm. **Creature Feature**~ See Friday, August 6th. **vc**

Friday, August 20th

10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**

2p.m. **Nature Flick** ~ See Thursday, August 5th. **vc**

Saturday, August 21st

**DNR, Patoka Reservoir ~ 30 Years Celebration
Special Event 9a.m. - 2p.m. easestern time
Patoka Lake Visitor Center**

On **August 20, 1980**, Patoka Lake was the sight of a dedication and official opening ceremony as a public property. Hear the reservoir story and enjoy the day as indoor and outdoor programs are presented. Experience some of the features of the property as we car caravan around to different sites and operations of DNR Patoka & the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Enjoy one of your Indiana public properties!

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10a.m. **Tower & Patoka Property Tour** ~ Meet at the Visitor Center. Have your cars fueled and join in a car caravan as we travel to the Dam on the west end of Patoka Lake. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers staff will present a program on the construction and operation of the reservoir as we tour the tower. **We’ll travel on to DNR, Patoka Wildlife Shop** where Wildlife Specialist **Aron Showalter** will share the management program for Patoka and the operations of the shop. Bring a snack and preferred refreshemnts for this extended program.

Sunday, August 22nd

10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**

1p.m. **Nature in Art & Poerty** ~ Enjoy a fun activity for all ages with a special live guest from nature as we draw, paint, and explore nature poetry. Remember you are the artist to interpret and create a one-of-a-kind card or birthday gift. Supplies provided. **vc**

Saturday, August 28th

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Sunday, August 29th

10 – 3p.m. **Resident Red-tailed Hawk** will be in the backyard viewing area of the Visitor Center. **vc**

11a.m. **Old Fashioned Toys & Tricks** ~ Join us for old time games and toys that children played with in the early 1900’s. These were easy to make and made from nature’s materials. Come to the Visitor Center and try your hand at whimmey diddles, ox yoke puzzles, and other fun games from the past! **vc**

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KEY for Program Locations:

vc-Visitor Center

b-Beach

ccs-Modern Campgrounds Center Shelterhouse

ARTSPACE

The works of Rita Jackson a Mitchell, Indiana ceramics artist, will be featured in August ArtSpace. Take a look at “Clay & Color” as this nationally known area artist shares her works of art.

Enjoy individual artists in their interpretations of their world, views, nature, and colors.

COMING IN SEPTEMBER

Wheelin’ in the Fish

September 18th

**10a.m.-2p.m. at Osborn Boat Ramp
Outdoor opportunities for people with special needs
and their families.**

**Hoosier Outdoor Experience
at Fort Harrison State Park, Indianapolis
September 18th & 19th**

Hoosier Quest Program

Ask about how you can join the quest and earn pins, patches, and other great prizes!